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Title : HORSESHOE-SHAPE BOWLING SHOE HEEL

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Referring to FIG. 1, a bowling shoe 10 has an upper 12 and an outsole 14, the outsole having a fore sole 16 and a heel 18. Referring now also to FIGS. 2-5, in a preferred embodiment of the invention, the heel 18 includes a heel surface element 20 that is removably attached in a manner to permit, e.g., a bowler, to selectively attach heel surface elements 20, 20', 20'' (FIG. 1A) of different performance characteristics, e.g., coefficient of friction. The heel surface element 20 may be formed of any suitable material, including rubber, leather and polymeric material, formulated in a manner known to those skilled in the art to provide desired performance and other characteristics. One such suitable material is GOODYEAR® GOLD. In the preferred embodiment, the heel surface element has a width, W, e.g., about 103.3 mm, and an overall front-to-back length, L, e.g., about 100 mm. The concept of sets of removable heel surface

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Replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 30 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- In the preferred embodiment of FIG. 1, the heel surface element 20 has a VELCRO®-type hook upper surface 36 for releasable attachment to an opposed VELCRO®-type loop surface 38 of the heel 18 of bowling shoe 10 (FIG. 1), to allow selective use of heels from a set of heel surface elements 20, 20', 20'' (FIG. 1A) of different coefficients of friction or other performance characteristics. Heel surface elements 20 of different coefficient of friction characteristics in a set may be color-coded, e.g., a slide surface of lower coefficient of friction may be colored green while a brake surface of relatively greater coefficient of friction may be colored red.-- --

REMARKS

The specification has been amended as indicated.

Attached is a marked-up version of the changes being made by the current amendment.

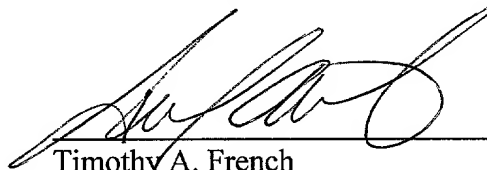
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Paragraph beginning at page 3, line 30 has been amended as follows:

-- In the preferred embodiment of FIG. 1, the heel surface element 20 has a VELCRO®-type [loop] hook upper surface 36 for releasable attachment to an opposed VELCRO®-type [hook] loop surface 38 of the heel 18 of bowling shoe 10 (FIG. 1), to allow selective use of heels from a set of heel surface elements 20, 20', 20'' (FIG. 1A) of different coefficients of friction or other performance characteristics. Heel surface elements 20 of different coefficient of friction characteristics in a set may be color-coded, e.g., a slide surface of lower coefficient of friction may be colored green while a brake surface of relatively greater coefficient of friction may be colored red.--